

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Monday, November 5 - Tuesday, November 6
Indianapolis, IN

Day 1: 8:15 AM—5:00 PM Day 2: 8:15 AM—12:00 PM

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown
350 West Maryland Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225
317-822-3500
www.indymarriott.com

On Monday and Tuesday, November 5-6, the White House and the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, Education, Homeland Security, Commerce, Veterans' Affairs, the Small Business Administration, and the Agency for International Development along with the State of Indiana will host a conference in Indianapolis to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

The conference is **free***, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.fbc.gov to register online. We strongly encourage you to register online. If you are unable to register online, please call 202-456-6708 to have a form faxed to you. **Please register by Monday, October 29.** If you must cancel your registration, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com or a fax to 703-299-4589 so they can accommodate as many people as possible. *Transportation and overnight accommodations are your responsibility.

This conference is part of a new series of regional conferences in partnership with states across the country. These events are designed to connect effective social service organizations with resources that can strengthen and expand the services they offer to the people they serve.

As in the past, this conference will provide an understanding of the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative, information about the federal grants process and funding opportunities, and the basic legal responsibilities that come with federal funding. In addition, special emphasis will be placed on opportunities for partnership at the state and local level. They will also offer practical information on the grant-writing process, share successful practices from other organizations, and facilitate opportunities to network with government officials.

Visit the conference section of www.fbc.gov to learn more about the conference workshops. For more information, please call 202-456-6708, send an email to fbc@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbc.gov.

We look forward to seeing you in November!



Have questions about the 2008-2009 AmeriCorps*State grant application?

E-mail RFP_FAQ@ofbci.in.gov or check out <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2362.htm> to see the Frequently Asked Questions!

Give Back for a Year. Serve Your Community. Change Your Life.

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is still accepting applications for various AmeriCorps*VISTA positions in **Indianapolis and Nappanee**, beginning in November 2007. Through the **AmeriCorps*VISTA** program (Volunteers in Service to America), individuals make a one year, full-time commitment to create and expand programs that address issues related to poverty. If you or someone you know is looking to give back to the community through service, please visit <https://recruit.cns.gov/> to view position descriptions or to apply for one of our positions. Click on "Find A Program," then select "Indiana" and enter "OFBCI" as the keyword to learn more about the exciting, enriching opportunities available! For more information, please contact Paula Parker-Sawyers at 317-233-3295.



The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is seeking individuals to review grant proposals for available AmeriCorps*State funds. This is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues in the national service world, learn more about the grant-making process, develop your own grant-writing skills, learn about exciting things happening in national service programs, and contribute your knowledge and experience to our efforts to select high-quality programs for funding.

What does a Grant Reviewer do? A grant reviewer helps to evaluate funding applications for AmeriCorps*State programs in the 2008-2009 program year. Reviewers read, score and evaluate proposals, discuss their findings with a small group of fellow reviewers and a facilitator. The panel then comes to consensus to rank the proposals and recommend them for the next level of review.

What qualifications should Reviewers have? We are looking for a diverse group of reviewers--male and female of all ages, races and ethnicities--that have experience in management of high quality national service or community based programs, and grant writing. For example, they may be community service practitioners, educators, students, youth participants, national service alumni, people working in foundations, or those working on public policy issues. We hope to recruit some reviewers with prior experience working with AmeriCorps programs. However, we are generally seeking people with a variety of experience who can review national service grant applications and determine quality. Reviewers must be comfortable reading a large volume of material in a short period of time and providing analysis in a small group.

Can members currently serving in AmeriCorps or any other streams of service serve as reviewers? No, you must have completed service before being selected as a reviewer. Alumni of the AmeriCorps programs are strongly encouraged to apply to serve as reviewers. We are looking for AmeriCorps members who have completed service by September 1, 2007.

Can people who work for a Corporation for National and Community Service-funded program serve as a reviewer? Yes, people who work for organizations affiliated with other Learn and Serve, AmeriCorps or national service programs may serve as reviewers. For instance, an individual who works for an organization that hosts a VISTA volunteer may review AmeriCorps applications. However, people cannot serve as a reviewer for the AmeriCorps programs if they work for an organization that is being considered for funding in this competition.

What is the time commitment? Reviewers must be available for an orientation conference call on **Tuesday, October 30, 2007 from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. EST**. The purpose of the call is to review the AmeriCorps program and application review expectations. Reviewers will then convene on **Friday, November 9, 2007 from 9:00 – 3:00 P.M. EST** at the Indiana Government Conference Center in Indianapolis to discuss and rank the proposals. Lunch will be provided. The period between the conference call and in-person review session will be dedicated to individual reviewing and scoring the proposals. We estimate that your total meeting, travel and review time will not exceed 25 hours.

What are the benefits to reviewers? The grant review experience is an excellent opportunity to meet and network with colleagues in the National Service field; find out about exciting programming and trends in national service; develop a deeper understanding of the grant-writing and grant-making processes; and to contribute your experience to the selection of high-quality programs throughout Indiana.

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please contact Debbie Anderson, National Service Program Officer, at 317-232-2504 or deanderson@ofbci.in.gov no later than **Wednesday, October 3, 2007**.



How Prepared Are You? In recent years, the American people have been urged to "get ready" and to prepare for emergencies.

The Public Readiness Index (PRI) (<http://www.whatsyourrq.org/survey.htm>) is a first-of-its kind tool for individuals, families and communities to determine and evaluate their readiness. See how you stack up against the national average and learn specific steps you can take to better prepare yourself and your family, as well as things you can do to encourage your community, schools, and workplace to be better prepared.

Go to <http://emergency.cdc.gov> for the latest on how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is increasing the nation's ability to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. Register for email updates and download podcasts on preparedness topics.

HoosierRx Helps Pay for your Medicare Part D Plan

Indiana's State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, HoosierRx, can help pay the monthly Part D premium, up to \$70 per month, for members enrolled in a Medicare Part D Plan working with HoosierRx.

To be eligible for HoosierRx you must:

1. be an Indiana resident, 65 years or older.
 2. have a yearly income of \$15,555 or less for a single person, or \$20,775 or less for a married couple living together.
 3. have applied for the "Medicare Extra Help" through Social Security to pay for your Medicare Part D plan, and received either a "Notice of Award" or "Notice of Denial" from Social Security.
- * Your Social Security "Notice of Denial" must be because your resources are above the limit established by law.
 - * Your Social Security "Notice of Award" must state that you are receiving partial extra help subsidy to help pay for your Medicare Part D premium.



If you think you meet these eligibility requirements please call a HoosierRx representative at 1-866-267-4679 between 8 AM and 4:30 PM (Eastern Time) or visit the HoosierRx website at www.IN.gov/HoosierRx.

Companies offering Prescription Drug Plans working with HoosierRx: AARP/United Healthcare, CIGNA Healthcare, Coventry AdvantraRx, First Health, Humana, MemberHealth, Pennsylvania Life Insurance, SilverScript, and WellCare.



Making the Ask and Getting a Joyful "Yes"

A series of workshops presented by the Indiana Youth Institute

Instruction by: Bob Osborne, Chairman, The Osborne Group, Inc.
Cost: \$45 -- includes breakfast
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Indianapolis	September 25	Jameson Camp, 2001 S. Bridgeport Rd.
Lafayette	September 26	Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc, 5500 State Road 38 E
Merrillville	September 27	Avalon Manor, 3550 East US Route 30
Fort Wayne	September 28	Androffer Commons at Indiana Tech, 1600 East Washington Blvd.
Carmel	October 1	The Fountains Banquet & Conference Center, 502 E. Carmel Dr
Muncie	October 2	Cornerstone Center for the Arts, 520 E. Main St.
Columbus	October 3	Holiday Inn, 2480 Jonathon Moore Pike
Evansville	October 4	Southern Indiana Career & Technical Center, 1901 Lynch Rd

For more information or to register, visit http://iyi.org/trainings_conferences/trainings_main.asp#fall3

Design a Blueprint for Communication: Strategies that Work!
September 25 9am-3:30pm

Topic: Marketing

Sponsored by: Ball State University Libraries and Ball State University Alumni Center

Contact: Susan G. Akers – SAkers@bsu.edu or (765)285-5031, <http://www.bsu.edu/library/conference/marketing/>

Location: Ball State Alumni Center, Tillotson and Bethel Avenues, Muncie, IN

Fee: \$60

Grant-Writing
September 26 9am-4pm

Topic: Grant-Writing

Sponsored by: Freedom Academy

Contact: Kim Johnson (574)295-1650 x205, <http://www.inrn.org>

Location: Kendallville Public Library, 221 S. Park Ave. Kendallville, IN

Fee: \$75

Business Networking Series
September 27 8-9:30am

Topic: Networking

Sponsored by: Indianapolis Urban League

Contact: Aisha Sabur-Jarvis (317)693-7652, www.indplsul.org

Location: Sam Jone's Center/Diversity and Race Relations Institute, 777 Indiana Ave. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: None

Reducing Unemployment Costs AND Value-Based Staff Management
September 27 8:30am-12pm

Topic: Finances

Sponsored by: United Way of Central Indiana

Contact: Debi Lee (317)921-1257, <http://www.uwci.org/index.asp?p=179#isp>

Location: United Way of Central Indiana, 3901 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: None

Lock & Key to Successful Proposal Writing
September 27-28 8:30am-5pm

Topic: Grant-Writing

Sponsored by: Jobs Partnership of Greater Indianapolis

Contact: Robin Riggs – Rriggs@jpindy.org or (317)925-1003

Location: Jobs Partnership of Greater Indianapolis, 3549 Boulevard Pl. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: \$125

Understanding RSS
September 27, 11am-1pm

Topic(s) Covered: Technology

Sponsored by: NPower Indiana

Contact: NPower Indiana (317)396-2848, <http://www.formspring.com/forms/?124599-8yqYRJP37>

Location: Little Red Door Cancer Agency, 1801 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: None

Be sure to stay up-to-date with all available training opportunities at the OFBCI website training calendar at
<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

Training Calendar



Love for Life
Marriage Enrichment Weekend
September 28 & 29

Weekend Schedule
Evansville Airport Marriott

Friday, September 28
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vow Renewal & Wedding Reception

Wrap up the weekend with a vow renewal and wedding reception in your honor on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.



Prize drawing!
Overnight Stay at the New Harmony Inn

Thank you to our sponsors!

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Marriott
Evansville Airport



Every couple who attends the Love for Life Weekend will be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree at Tracy Zeller Jewelry. Drawing will be held at the 2008 Sweetheart Banquet & 10-Year Anniversary Celebration on February 14, 2008.

Community Marriage Builders



www.makeitlast.org

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Love for Life Marriage Enrichment Weekend

September 28 & 29, Evansville Airport Marriott

Registration Form

\$50.00 / Couple (10% discount for groups of three or more couples!)

Name _____

Spouse Name _____ Years Married _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Other couples in your group _____

(Please use the back of this form to include complete contact information for the other couples in your group.)

Two program tracks will be offered. (Please check the **one** you will attend.)

☐ Love for Life Lessons (PAIRS 1)

This program will help you fill up your marriage skills "tool box." We'll guide you through a series of activities for better communication, deeper intimacy, and stronger conflict resolution skills. This is a fun, fresh approach to help you discover your hidden potential for a truly extraordinary marriage!

☐ REFOCCUS Marriage Enrichment Series

If you have already completed the Love for Life Lessons, REFOCCUS is for you! We'll help you take a personalized profile of your marriage, and step you through a series of activities on intimacy, compatibility, communication, and commitment. Perfect for couples who desire to give their marriage a little "tune-up."

Amount Due: \$50.00 (Covers session fee, materials, and lunch.)

☐ **We get the discount! Amount Due: \$45.00**

Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Amount Enclosed: _____

For credit card transactions, please call the CMB Office at

(812) 477-2260 or (800) 443-8594

Deadline to Register - September 24

Register with payment by 9/14/07 and be entered for a chance to win an **overnight stay** (Friday, September 28) at the Evansville Airport Marriott!

Please complete this form and mail (with payment enclosed) to:

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